



TO: University of Idaho Faculty and Staff
FROM: Dean Kahler, Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment Management
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SUBJECT: U of I Announces WUE Expansion

Good news continues for potential Vandals across the western U.S. The University of Idaho will expand the Western Undergraduate Exchange Program (WUE) to make the world-class education and unparalleled experience at the University of Idaho more accessible and affordable to students in all 16 participating states and territories of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE). This builds on our previous reach to students in Alaska, Oregon and Washington.

Beginning in fall 2018, newly admitted students who meet the criteria below will be awarded the WUE tuition and fee rate, which is 1.5 times the in-state tuition and fee rate. The award is a savings of more than \$12,500 per year per student over the full out-of-state tuition and fee costs.

The WUE will be awarded automatically to new U of I students who are residents of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and the Mariana Islands who meet the following criteria:

- New freshmen with a 3.2 unweighted accredited high school GPA or higher, or a minimum 22 ACT/1020 SAT for home-schooled students or graduates from a non-

accredited high school. The award is renewable for four years if a minimum 2.5 U of I GPA is maintained.

- New transfer students with a 3.0 or higher transfer GPA. The award is renewable for up to three years, depending on the number of credits transferred.
- Students will automatically be considered for the award when applying for admission. No additional application is needed. There is no admission application deadline to qualify for the WUE award.
- Eligible students will receive the WUE award instead of the Discover Idaho scholarship. The WUE is a larger award than the Discover Idaho scholarship.

As U of I continues toward its goal to increase enrollment, it makes sense to extend our efforts to improve access to our neighbors in the WICHE region. Removing barriers to higher education and expanding our reach increases student diversity and provides an even better student experience for all Vandals.

Newly admitted students, as well as prospective students, high school counselors, parents and others will soon receive notification of this new opportunity. We encourage our faculty and staff to share this good news as we all work together to build a strong future.

For more information, visit www.uidaho.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/wue. To review frequently asked questions about the new expansion, visit www.uidaho.edu/wueinidaho.

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